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1. IN CONVERSATION ON JUNE 1, DCM MOSKOWITZ ASKED FORNMIN BORGONOVO WHETHER AMB BERTRAND HAD REPORTED HIS MAY 29 CONVERSATION WITH LAZAR. BORGONOVO REPLIED THAT BERTRAND HAD MERELY MENTIONED HAVING HAD THIS CONVERSATION BUT HAD NOT REPORTED THE PARTICULARS. WITHOUT REVEALING DETAILS, MOSKOWITZ INFORMED HIM THAT BERTRAND --SAYING HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS--HAD RELAYED A RATHER DISTURBING DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION DOWN HERE AND HAD ASKED THE DEPT'S HELP IN COUNTERING POSSIBLE NICARAGUAN INITIATIVES ON OAS. WE WERE, CONSEQUENTLY, PERPLEZED BY THE VARIANCE BETWEEN BERTRAND'S AND BORGONOVO'S ACCOUNTS.

2. BORGONOVO EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD RETURNED TO SAN SALVADOR

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ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 28 AND, DURING VISIT TO HIS OFFICE, HAD PHONED

BERTRAND TO BRING HIM UP TO DATE (ALONG THE SAME LINES THAT HE HAD
LATER BRIEFED ME AND MOSKOWITZ ON MAY 31); AND TO ASK HIM ONLY TO
ASCERTAIN THE REACTION IN WASHINGTON (INCLUDING THE OAS) TO THE
POSTPONEMENT OF THE SUMMIT MEETING. HE COULD ONLY ASSUME THAT
BERTRAND'S APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN COLORED BY
THE LATTER'S CONTACTS WITH THE FONOFF LEGAL STAFF (HE SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONED ROBERTO CASTRILLO THE DIRECTOR OF BOUNDARY MATTERS) WHICH
HE FIGURATIVELY DESCRIBED AS BEING "CONSTANTLY AT WAR WITH HONDURAS".
ALSO HE THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS BERTRAND'S CONVERSATION WITH LAZAR MIGHT
BE ATTRIBUTED IN PART TO THE FACT THAT BERTRAND HAD BEEN DEVOTING
CONSIDERABLE AND IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION TO THIS ISSUE FOR MANY MONTHS
AND HAD GOTTEN CARRIED AWAY.

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